

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Knowles, Dahman

Absent: Malik, Tyler, Johnson

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments:

One speaker - Maureen L. - addressed the TF regarding pan handlers near the entrance of Wal-Mart and Talbert Avenue. The speaker is concerned with traffic safety and the safety of the pan handlers. Kuhnke obtained the speaker's contact information and will provide that to Sgt. Winks for follow-up.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

V. Approve Minutes: January 6, 2015 minutes. Moved: Dahman; Seconded: MacDonell

Yes: (6) No: (0); Absent: 3 (Johnson, Malik, Tyler). Motion carried.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported no new hate crimes in HB in January. He also advised the TF that he will be compiling the annual hate crime report to be presented in March.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell reported that the speaker for the February 2015 meeting was a public relations expert who presented information on how non-profits and other volunteer groups can promote themselves. Garrick also announced that the annual Volunteer Day is scheduled for April 25 and 26. Information can be obtained by visiting www.justserve.org.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities: No report due to absence of Malik.

3 HB Reads 2015 News/Activities:

Dagley reported that the event is scheduled for March 26 at 7:00 pm at the Central Library and that the directors are busy with final preparations. He also announced that HB Reads Director LeRoy Lucian passed away. Mr. Lucian was very active with the Friends of the Library and HB Reads and was described as an incredibly passionate person who will be greatly missed.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,872.87.

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report form Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Committee:

Lee-Goodman reported that she provided information regarding the new grant for school educators to the prior speaker and Fountain Valley Assistant Superintendent Silavs. She also indicated that she would begin working on materials that could be used in communicating with the schools about the MOT, including a PowerPoint presentation and a letter of introduction.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that a meeting with the student representatives will be scheduled for February 25. Topics of discussion will include reports on current activities at each of the high schools as well as a brainstorming session with students and members of the Ad Hoc Student Planning Committee for alternative programs in fall 2015.

MacDonell kicked off the report of the Ad Hoc Student Planning Committee by having members complete an exercise of "what works" and "what doesn't work" with the student representative program. Dahman presented

findings of the ad hoc committee including 1) Competing priorities at each school among student members; 2) Lack of focus on any one particular event – possibly develop one or two single events and focus on these alone or possible expansion of the day of dialogue to both a spring and summer event; 3) Assist students in fundraising opportunities; 4) Change structure and purpose of meetings; possibly eliminate meetings.

MacDonell also reported that there were several issues that the Ad Hoc Committee was still working through including goals and objectives, defining purpose, developing a strategy that supports the defined purpose, and obtaining input from students to use in developing the objectives of the student program.

Dagley suggested that expansion of the MOT trips may be all the TF needs to work on. Lee-Goodman suggested piggybacking/partnering with schools on programs already in existence rather than developing brand new programs. She also suggested the TF could become more of a resource or a clearinghouse that could assist schools in networking or obtaining guest speakers for assemblies, parent meetings, etc. where there is already a built-in audience.

3. Follow-up research to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

MacDonell suggested that based on the information presented by Fountain Valley School District Assistant Superintendant Silavs there may no longer be a need to follow-up with other school districts since all schools will be conducting the same types of programs for both students and faculty. It was suggested that bullying research may no longer be needed and that the TF could transition into program development, such as identifying speakers for schools, possible drama groups, and other programs that could take place during October. Due to the absence of three members, Dagley suggested that we continue the discussion to the next meeting.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Appointment of Nomination Committee for the annual election of officers

Dagley announced that per the by-laws an election is to be held in March and that a Nomination Committee of three members should be appointed. Dagley asked for volunteers and the committee was formed which included himself, Dahman, and Malik. Since Malik was not in attendance, Kuhnke will follow-up with her to be sure she would like to serve on the committee. If Malik is unable to serve, MacDonell agreed to fill the position. A motion was made and approved.

**Approve Appointment of Nomination Committee Members: *Moved: MacDonell; Seconded: Dahman*
Yes: (6) No: (0); Absent: 3 (Johnson, Malik, Tyler). Motion carried.**

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

MacDonell announced that she gave an oral report of TF activities at a recent local Soroptimist meeting. The request came as a result of MacDonell attending the Coordinating Council meetings. Information presented included the original TF proclamation, as well as information on HB Reads, bullying research conducted by the TF, and other activities. The presentation was well-received.

Kuhnke reminded members that since the current Secretary had only served one, 1-year term, she would be eligible to serve up to two more, one-year terms if so desired.

Lee-Goodman suggested two ideas for possible consideration by the TF. The first was developing a program using ancestry costumes from diverse cultures that could be used at schools or other events for programming purposes. The second was the concept of developing some type of cultural exchange with an Indian tribe located in Alabama that she works with.

Garrick announced that a council member may be pursuing the concept of a proclamation regarding families. He also suggested that we continue to consider how the TF could get involved in the Oak View community.

Dagley thanked the Student Planning Ad Hoc committee for their work.

Adjournment at 8:30 pm to March 3, 2015 Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm